

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An extrusion type nozzle comprising:

a block having therein a manifold for distributing liquid along a coating width, a slit for allowing said liquid distributed in said manifold to pass therethrough, and a discharge outlet for discharging said liquid from said slit, said slit including a first portion disposed in the manifold and a second portion provided closer to said discharge outlet than said first portion, the first portion of the slit having an adjustable gap; and

a first forming member ~~for~~ forming the gap along a wall of said first portion of said slit;

a displacing mechanism coupled to said first forming member ~~being displaceable to for changing~~ at the gap of said first portion of said slit, a length of said first forming member varies along a width of said first forming member, said length in a direction of discharging said liquid; and

wherein the a displacing mechanism is for tilting said first forming member along said coating width.

2. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said first forming member is exchangeable.

- 3.-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said slit further includes a third portion closer to said manifold than said first portion, said nozzle further comprising a second forming member for forming a wall of said third portion of said slit, and being exchangeable.

6. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 1, further comprising a second forming member for forming a wall of said manifold, said second forming member being displaceable to change an area of a cross section of said manifold perpendicular to said coating width.

7. (Original) The extrusion type nozzle according to claim 6, further comprising a displacing mechanism for tilting said second forming member along said coating width.

8.-9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A coating apparatus comprising:

an extrusion type nozzle for producing a coating of liquid, including

a block having therein a manifold for distributing said liquid along a coating width, a slit for allowing said liquid distributed in said manifold to pass therethrough, and a discharge outlet for discharging said liquid from said slit, said slit including a first portion disposed in the manifold and a second portion provided closer to said discharge outlet than said first portion, the first portion of the slit having an adjustable gap; and

a forming member ~~for forming the gap along~~ a wall of said first portion of said slit, said forming member ~~being displaceable to~~ for changing a the gap of said first portion of said slit, a length of said forming member varies along a width of said forming member, said length in a direction of discharging said liquid;

a measuring unit for measuring a value of at least one of a weight, a thickness, and a density of said coating;

a controller for controlling an amount of displacement of said forming member of said extrusion type nozzle according to said measured value; and

a displacing mechanism for tilting said first forming member along said coating width.

11. (Cancelled).